

this year, that we have appointed a national commission of fifty people and a state commission of an equal number in each state working on the wise use of leisure time, co-operating with all the other agencies that are working on that, or wanting to be a clearing house, if we may be, to that end. What for? For the youth of America, because we know how very necessary that is. I can see many people here who remember that in late years we have had at least two of those great national programs of the N. E. A. in this beautiful city of Salt Lake. I remember very well being in this very tabernacle and enjoying the program that we had here in 1913, and you will remember that we were here in 1919. This year, in 1930, we are meeting in Columbus, Ohio, and the theme for the meeting is "Vital Values in Education." The very addresses which I have heard since I have been on this platform, it seems to me, would answer some of the things that we are discussing in our summer program—"Vital Values in Education." The first day will be "The International Point of View, as a Vital Value in Education." I have heard that discussed here today. You are doing it in every program. "The Art of Living, as a Vital Value in Education"—I know no people who know that stronger than the Mormon people.

"The Wise Use of Leisure, as a Vital Value in Education"; "The Enrichment of Life, as a Vital Value in Education." Another day a sub-topic will be, "Creative Learning, as a Vital Value in Education."

I just mention the topics because it seems to me so in line with probably the very purpose—indirectly, maybe some of you will think—of this great world-gathering you have here. May I remind you that we are working for the youth of the nation; we are working for better salaries, for better teachers. We are trying to bring to the spotlight worthy school activities and broadcast programs and worthy achievements. This association is a clearing-house—I mean the National Educational Association—for local and state associations. It is the voice, if you please, of people in service. We aim to shape the ideals of the profession. It is the pure plan of educational progress. I feel that the aims of our great National Educational Association are the ultimate aims which you have, Mr. President, in this great world-gathering of people. We are working together for the human race. I bid you God-speed. I invite you to give us all the help that you will give us as a group of educators trying to lead your children aright. Let us in that way assist any time that we may.

I esteem this a great honor and a great privilege for our Association to be allowed a few moments on this platform and to bring to you again the greetings of our great National Educational Association, the largest body of teachers not only of the United States, but of the world, working for the same purposes that you are, the progress, the best progress of humanity. I thank you.

#### PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT

For the benefit of our visitor I will announce that we have in what is known as our Primary Association, comprised of little children, over

one hundred thousand members; that we have in our Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Association and our Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association over one hundred thousand members; that in our Sunday Schools we have over a quarter of a million.

I am sure it will be of interest to you to learn that we expended last year from the tithes of our people:

For the construction of Ward and Stake meetinghouses \$1,257,000, and that the people themselves spent another million.

For the maintenance and expense of our meeting houses \$588,000.

For Stake maintenance \$235,000

The choir sang the anthem, "God is our refuge and strength."

### PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT

The Young Men's Mutual Improvement Associations are presided over by three of the Apostles, so we shall not call upon them to speak at this time, as they have already spoken.

Two of the members of the Superintendency of Sunday Schools are members of the quorum of Twelve Apostles, and Brother George D. Pyper, to whom we owe more I believe than to anyone else for this marvelous pageant that is being presented, is one of the General Superintendents of Sunday Schools, and we will allow him to talk to us for ten minutes.

I wish to say that I have been associated with Brother Pyper for many years, and that he is one of the loyal, true, faithful Latter-day Saints, true to the very core.

### ELDER GEORGE D. PYPER

My brethren and sisters: I regret very much that I was absent from the meeting this morning when President Grant called me. Not that I desired to speak, by any means, but because I always like to be found in my place when called for.

I was just informed by a friend as I came on the platform that he had never heard a more splendid introduction to anyone who was absent than that given me by President Grant this morning. Probably it was well that I was absent as I have never in my life been called to face a wonderful general conference, and the shock might have proved fatal.

However, I am glad to stand before you, my brethren and sisters, and say that I myself am not entitled to all the credit for the production of "The Message of the Ages." There have been some wonderful helpers. We have had the cooperation of the Presidency of the Church and the leading authorities, of Elder George Albert Smith and the

missionaries, both men and women, wherever they are called to labor, at home or abroad, and I bless them as his servant, that they may continue to go and come in safety, whether upon water or upon land, whether among their friends or their enemies, that they may go in the power of God as his witnesses; that they may find friends and search out the honest in heart, the blood of Israel, and those whom God would have known the truth.

I bless all who are working in righteousness throughout the world, the honest in heart, the sick, the suffering, the destitute. I pray God to provide their needs and to give them faith to hear and to heed the teachings of his servants. My heart is filled with humility and with blessings for all who deserve them. I know that God is merciful, that he loves the honest in heart, and that his blessings go out to the sick; for when he was upon the earth in person he visited them and blessed them and healed them. I pray his blessings upon them today, that they may continue to receive comfort and the power to be healed and restored. I bless them to this end in the Church and in the land throughout our mountain country here, those who are suffering in humility and have faith to be healed. God bless them.

#### TESTIMONY OF GOD'S WORK

I know that this is the work of God, that he is merciful to his children, and that this work will go on and on and on until it has finished its full purpose in the earth. This is the work that Daniel saw that should never be thrown down or given to another people, but should go on and on until it should fill the earth. And may God bless us to be instrumental in his hands in bringing about these holy purposes. May his Holy Spirit attend us and bless us in our homes. May his blessing be upon our lands, in our offices, in our fields, and with our flocks and herds. May our lands produce and grow fruit that will be meet for food, and then may we honor God in our tithes and in our offerings. Be honest with him and he will remember you and his blessings will be poured out upon you in rich abundance, and you will come up before him in an acceptable manner and go on richly endowed by his power and blessing, to be magnified in the world as humble servants carrying out his purposes. Unto this end I pray God's blessing upon the Church in all of its activities whether at home or abroad, both in the auxiliary organizations and in the quorums and offices of the priesthood—all of which I pray for in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT

##### REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

"President Heber J. Grant and Counselors,  
Dear Brethren:

It gives us pleasure to state that our examination of the reports of the First Presidency's office, which covered the Presiding Bishop's department, disclosed

the fact that the finances of the Church are in excellent condition and its accounting system is modern and complete.

Respectfully submitted,  
Your brethren,

(Signed) Henry H. Rolapp,

(Signed) O. W. Adams,

Auditing Committee."

#### STATISTICAL REPORT

There were blessed and entered on the records of the Church last year....	19,071
Children baptized in stakes and missions.....	15,468
Converts baptized and entered on the records of the stakes and missions....	6,511
Number of long-term missionaries from Zion.....	2,068
Number of short-term missionaries .....	59
Number of local missionaries .....	99
Total missionaries on foreign missions December 31, 1929.....	2,226
Number engaged in missionary work in the stakes.....	903
Total missionaries .....	3,129
Number of missionaries who received training at the Mission Home during the past year .....	942
Persons recommended to the temples (stakes and missions).....	68,573

#### SOCIAL STATISTICS

Birth rate, 29 per thousand.

Marriage rate 14.5 per thousand.

Death rate 7.8 per thousand.

Families owning their own homes, 70 per cent

We have at the present time: Stakes of Zion 104; Wards, 930; Independent branches, 75; Dependent branches, 27; Total wards and branches in the stakes of Zion, from Canada to Mexico, 1032; Missions, 29; Mission branches, 800.

#### APPRECIATION OF DEVOTION OF TEMPLE WORKERS

I desire to express my appreciation to the many hundreds who are working in our temples without remuneration—several hundred in the Salt Lake Temple alone. In all of our temples an immense and wonderful work is being accomplished, all on missionary time, and I appreciate it. On behalf of the Presidency of the Church I extend our blessing to all of these devoted workers.

President Grant asked all who were in the audience who had had the privilege of shaking hands with President Brigham Young to arise and raise their right hands.

There was a large number present who had had this privilege.

The President then asked those who were present at the conference of the Church fifty years ago to arise and raise their right hands.

There was a considerable number in the audience who had attended that conference, and who so indicated in the manner requested by President Grant.

The choir and congregation joined in singing "God be with you till we meet again."